

January 5, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Glover, Blackmun, Muilenburg, McGannon, Fliehs, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Opp was absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary and Kosel of Groton Independent, Shawn Lambertz, Ward Gilchrist, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, and Stacy Mayou.

Department reports were given by Ward Gilchrist, Electric Supt.; Terry Herron, Street & Water Supt.; Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt.; Stacy Mayou, Police Chief; and Finance Officer Lowary. Topics included were load management, line mapping, Hwy 37 project, trees, warehouse improvements, skating rink, snow plowing, Safe Route To School requirements, relining sewers, 2014 citation summary, dog licenses and chip seal project plans.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to removed the handicap parking sign from the city parking lot as requested by Dakota Press. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held and tabled on parking habits along the north side of E 5th Ave by Olive Grove Golf Course.

Dept heads, Gilchrist, Herron, Zerr, and Mayou leave the meeting.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	404.04	salaries
Administrative Payroll	5,706.39	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	12,468.59	salaries
Public Works Payroll	13,732.11	salaries
First State Bank	6,629.02	ss & wh
First State Bank	55,178.08	LOC pay, interest
City of Groton	4,531.51	ref,post,FC,liteprizes
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,150.00	emp savings
Duanes	200.00	Fam Cr gas
US Post Office	205.66	postage
1st National Bank	2,985.04	2nd St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	6,975.69	West Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	4,344.69	RR Crossing Loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Water Loan
1st National Bank	960.99	07 Flood Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	2,207.95	NE Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	5,287.72	EPA Loan
April Abeln	92.79	med flex
Assoc Supply Co	37.75	chlorine tablets
Bahr Spray Foam	510.20	well house insulation
Cannon Tech	7,200.00	LM supp
Chase Visa	669.88	sftwr, post, cert, bks
Clark Eng	6,750.00	eng
Dakota Electroncis	201.30	repairs, pager serv
Duanes	939.77	gas, battery
Groton Independent	172.92	publish, subscrip
H D Supply	225.76	cplg, straps

Heartland Waste	6,129.40	garbage hauling
James Valley Telecomm	877.53	phone, internet
Drew Johnson	1,925.00	legal serv
Lambertz, Shawn	100.00	Heartland grant
Metering & Technology Solutions	314.25	meters
NW Energy	10.00	nat gas
Runnings	167.53	repairs
S&S Lumber	81.41	supplies
SD Board of Operators Cert	18.00	cert fees
SD Dept of Env & Nat Res	1,500.00	wastewater fee
SD Dept of Health	26.00	testing
SD Retirement	7,625.93	retirement
Sperry Tree Service	1,550.00	stump grind
United Lease & Finance	15,482.07	transformer loan
US Postal Service	220.00	mailing permit
USTI	915.00	comp supp
Verizon Wireless	41.61	wireless
WEB Water	9,902.19	water

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Glover to recognize the following volunteers and employees and thank them for their service. All members present voted aye. Baseball Volunteers: Jerry Locke, Matt Locke, Mitchell Locke, Brenda Waage, Meri Erickson, Brenda Madson, Kathy Bjerke, Travis Kurth, Steve Giedt, Randy Stanley, Scott Thorson, Lars Hanson, Kevin Pharis, Mike Weber, Justin Hanson, Jim Lane, Scott Kampa, Tom Woods, Patti Woods, Zelos Johnson, Eric Moody, Kevin Nehls, Joel Foresth, Craig Dunker, Brian Shuring, Mark Herman, Marcy Blackmun. , Kiwanis and Legion members. Elected Officials: Mayor Scott Hanlon @\$400/mon; Council Members: David McGannon, David Blackmun, Ed Opp, Mary Fliehs, Michelle Muilenburg, and Burt Glover @ \$1,200/year; Planning and Zoning Commission members @ \$25/meeting: Les Hinds, Gordon Nelson, Jeff Steen, Sherwin Nyberg, and Chris Kahli; Appointed Official: Anita Lowary, Finance Officer @ \$5,332.60/mon; Employees: Peggy Locke, Deputy Finance Officer @ \$19.58/hr; April Abeln, Asst. Finance Officer @ \$19.16/hr; Stacy Mayou, Police Chief @ \$4,731.65/mon; Jerry Bjerke, Asst. Police Chief @ \$4,238.60/mon; Justin Cleveland, Police Officer @ \$4,074.25/mon; David Hunter, Police Officer @ \$3,590.77/mon; Terry Herron, Public Works Coordinator & Water Supt @ \$26.57/hr; Paul Kosel, Public Works Tech Worker @ \$22.84/hr; Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt @ \$23.42/hr; Branden Abeln, Asst Street Supt @ \$21.53/hr; Ward Gilchrist, Electric Supt @ \$38.85/hr; Shawn Lambertz, Electric Lineman @ \$34.03/hr; Jim Gerdes, Part-time Public Works Laborer @ \$15.49/hr; Justin Olson, Warming House Manager @ \$9.00/hr; Logan Lane, Jamie Krueger, Haley Unzen, Katie LaMee, Carter Jondahl, and Joe Griebinghoff, Warming House Attendants @ \$8.50/hr.

Blackmun announced that the baseball committee would be sponsoring a fund raising event with Dueling Pianos to be held at the Legion on April 11, 2015.

Mayor Hanlon announced that he was reappointing Les Hinds to Planning and Zoning Commission for another 5 year term. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to approve this appointment. All members present voted aye.

At 7:30pm no one appeared at the malt beverage hearing. Mayor Hanlon and Attorney Johnson reported that Tim Thurston had contacted them and he wished to voluntarily surrender his malt beverage license. Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to recommend to SD State that the Malt Beverage License for Thirsty's Lodge & Suites be suspended at Mr. Thurston's request until the felony criminal charge case is settled. All members present voted aye.

Heartland Consumer Power District granted \$1,500 to Groton City for new energy efficient lighting in the west warehouse.

A signal light will be added to the golf well house to show low temperatures.

After a long discussion on the Safe Route to School grant, it was moved by Glover

and seconded by Muilenburg to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the grant deadline extension documents for the Safe Route to School grant. All members present voted aye.

Shawn Lambertz left the meeting at this point.

Legislative Day on Feb 3 & 4 in Pierre was announced and Hanlon and Lowary expressed interest in attending. Lowary gave a legislative update on what bills the Municipal League was proposing.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Fliehs to pass the following statement of support on one of the proposed laws: The City of Groton supports a local option additional penny of municipal sales tax, with the approval of our voters, for infrastructure projects. Members voting aye were Glover, Fliehs, McGannon, and Blackmun. Muilenburg voted nay. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on how the baseball concession stand would be operated in 2015. An advertisement requesting proposals will be published.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by McGannon to authorize Mayor Hanlon and Asst Electric Supt Shawn Lambertz to attend the NW Energy meeting on Jan 28 in Huron. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to authorize Terry Herron to attend the water school in Pierre on Jan 13-14. All members present voted aye.

The Groton Chamber annual meeting on Jan 9 was announced and Mayor Hanlon and Glover may attend.

At 8:46pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss legal & personal matters on a motion by Muilenburg and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. At 9:15pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer